

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 1, 4, 13, 16, 18, 32, 37, 51, 56, and 58 below and as shown in the attached
"Version With Markings to Show Changes Made" submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121.

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1. (Amended) A method for ordering products wherein the products are supplied by a supplier to a replenishment service center (RSC), wherein an acquiring entity obtains products from the RSC, comprising:
generating, by the acquiring entity, an order to acquire a requested quantity of products;
performing computer related operations to update a computerized inventory database with a product record including a requested quantity that the acquiring entity wants to receive of the product based on the generated order;
receiving information from the supplier indicating a commitment quantity of a number of the products the supplier intends to ship to the RSC to meet the requested quantity;
performing computer related operations to update the inventory database with the information received from the supplier to indicate the commitment quantity; and
performing computer related operations to update the inventory database from information received from the RSC indicating products shipped from the supplier for one specified product record.

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4. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
performing computer related operations to update the inventory database with information received from the acquiring entity for one product record indicating an order of products from the RSC to deliver to the acquiring entity to fulfill the order.

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13. (Amended) A method for ordering products, wherein the products are supplied by a supplier to a replenishment service center (RSC), wherein an acquiring entity obtains products from the RSC, comprising the supplier:

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performing computer related operations to access information in computerized inventory database including product records, wherein each product record indicates a specified product, wherein the inventory data base is capable of being updated from: (i) information received from the acquiring entity to add a product record including a requested quantity that the acquiring entity wants to receive and (ii) information received from the RSC indicating products shipped from the supplier for one specified product record;

determining from the accessed information the requested quantity for one product record;
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performing computer related operations to update one product record in the inventory database indicating a commitment quantity of a number of the products the supplier intends to ship to the RSC to meet the requested quantity.

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16. (Amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the supplier further performs:
performing computer related operations to update one product record in the inventory database indicating shipment status of products the supplier is shipping to the RSC to satisfy the commitment quantity for the product record being updated.

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18. (Amended) A method for ordering products, wherein the products are supplied by a supplier to a replenishment service center (RSC), wherein an acquiring entity obtains products from the RSC, comprising the RSC performing the steps of:

performing computer related operations to access information in computerized inventory database including product records, wherein each product record indicates a specified product, wherein the inventory data base is capable of being updated from: (i) information received from the acquiring entity to add a product record including a requested quantity that the acquiring entity wants to receive and (ii) information received from the supplier indicating a commitment quantity of a number of the products the supplier intends to ship to the RSC to meet the requested quantity; and

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performing computer related operations to update one product record in the inventory database indicating products received from the supplier for one specified product record.

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32. (Amended) A system for ordering products, wherein the products are supplied by a supplier to a replenishment service center (RSC), wherein an acquiring entity obtains products from the RSC, a supplier machine comprising:

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means for accessing information in an inventory database including product records, wherein each product record indicates a specified product, wherein the inventory data base is capable of being updated from: (i) information received from the acquiring entity to add a product record including a requested quantity that the acquiring entity wants to receive and (ii) information received from the RSC indicating products shipped from the supplier for one specified product record;

means for determining from the accessed information the requested quantity for one product record; and

means for updating one product record in the inventory database indicating a commitment quantity of a number of the products the supplier intends to ship to the RSC to meet the requested quantity.

37. (Amended) A system for ordering products, wherein the products are supplied by a supplier to a replenishment service center (RSC), wherein an acquiring entity obtains products from the RSC, a RSC machine comprising:

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means for accessing information in an inventory database including product records, wherein each product record indicates a specified product, wherein the inventory data base is capable of being updated from: (i) information received from the acquiring entity to add a product record including a requested quantity that the acquiring entity wants to receive and (ii) information received from the supplier indicating a commitment quantity of a number of the products the supplier intends to ship to the RSC to meet the requested quantity; and

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means for updating one product record in the inventory database indicating products received from the supplier for one specified product record.

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51. (Amended) A program for ordering products, wherein the products are supplied by a supplier to a replenishment service center (RSC), wherein an acquiring entity obtains products from the RSC, comprising a computer usable media including at least one computer program embedded therein that is capable or causing at least one computer to perform:

accessing information in an inventory database including product records, wherein each product record indicates a specified product, wherein the inventory data base is capable of being updated from: (i) information received from the acquiring entity to add a product record including a requested quantity that the acquiring entity wants to receive and (ii) information received from the RSC indicating products shipped from the supplier for one specified product record;

determining from the accessed information the requested quantity for one product record; and

updating one product record in the inventory database indicating a commitment quantity of a number of the products the supplier intends to ship to the RSC to meet the requested quantity.

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56. A program for ordering products, wherein the products are supplied by a supplier to a replenishment service center (RSC), wherein an acquiring entity obtains products from the RSC, comprising a computer usable media including at least one computer program embedded therein that is capable or causing at least one computer to perform:

accessing information in an inventory database including product records, wherein each product record indicates a specified product, wherein the inventory data base is capable of being updated from: (i) information received from the acquiring entity to add a product record including a requested quantity that the acquiring entity wants to receive and (ii) information

received from the supplier indicating a commitment quantity of a number of the products the supplier intends to ship to the RSC to meet the requested quantity; and

updating one product record in the inventory database indicating products received from the supplier for one specified product record.

58. (Amended) A method for purchasing products wherein the products are supplied by a supplier to a replenishment service center (RSC), wherein an acquiring entity obtains products from the RSC, comprising:

generating, with the acquiring entity, an order to acquire a requested quantity of products;
performing computer related operations to update computerized inventory database with a product record including a requested quantity that the acquiring entity wants to receive of the product based on the generated order;

receiving information from the supplier indicating a commitment quantity of a number of the products the supplier intends to ship to the RSC to meet the requested quantity;

performing computer related operations to update the inventory database with the information received from the supplier to indicate the commitment quantity;

performing computer related operations to update the inventory database from information received from the RSC indicating products shipped from the supplier for one specified product record;

performing computer related operations to update the inventory database with information received from the acquiring entity for one product record indicating an order of products from the RSC to deliver to the acquiring entity to fulfill the order; and

generating an invoice once the ordered products are delivered to the acquiring entity and confirmed by the supplier.